PRETORIA CONFERENCE GIVES SMALL HOPE OF PEACE

Terms England Might Offer.

THE TIME DEEMED UNPROPITIOUS

Delarey and DeWet in Mood to Continue the Fighting.

UNENDING WAR IN PROSPECT

"London Star" Declares Belief That the Combatants Have Reached a State of Deadlock, and Neither Can Win.

LONDON, May 24.—There prevails here Delarey will agree to any abatement? a belief that the Pretoria conference will "It must be confessed that the moment | Lord Kitchener, who arranged for not lead to peace.

the belief that the outlook for peace in he will give up the game. South Africa is not hopeful.

grip on the republica is firm and final, and the Boers cannot dislodge us.

control of vast stretches of country, and tion of the report that Boer envoys have Right Hon. sir Henry Campbell Benner we cannot dislodge them without a process of attrition, which might last for sent more than the communication of the a fortnight ago Acting President Schalks

Schalksberger and other Boer leaders with

Lord Kitchener, are eagerly awaited. The news of the conference caused consols to advance to about 1/2 per cent and mining and other stocks to a similar de-

tures the "Pall Mall Gazette" says: "The unexpected has come once more. at Pretoria seems to signify that the Boer about noon." Government has had enough. If so, it | The Exchange Telegram Company claims | tures.

upon the commanders in the field." last, 'that no peace will be made and sanctioned at last Friday's meeting of the . PARIS. March 24.—The "Eclair" is the no peace conditions will be accepted by British Cabinet. which our independence for national existence or the interest of our Colonial is connected with peace overtures they It suggests that the claims of sovereignbrothers shall be the price paid' stand?" are not far advanced.

BASEBALL FANS THINK

so. On the other hand, Loftus has busi- price raised to 50 cents.

OPENING ARGUMENT

of Murder, Resumed.

The trial of Charles Coleman, colored

sworn until today. District Attorney

Bould, representing the Government, made

murrounding the death of Officer at the stable of the brick yard on South Capitol treet, between L and M Streets southwest.

Coleman had been employed there as a driver, but was discharged. On the after-

noon of October 30 the affair occurred, when, it is alleged, Coleman picked up a

piece of iron piping and struck Officer two

blows, one on the arm and the othe

Mr. Jones made a staten

Improvements at the Local Grounds.

Boers Unlikely to Accept | MOVEMENT WAS MERELY TO GIVE ENGLAND'S ENEMIES A CLUB

> AMSTERDAM, March 24.—As near as can be learned from the Boers here, the inner meaning of Acting President Schalksberger's peace movement, inaugurated at Pretoria on March 22,

> Schalksberger has an opportunity to see ex-President Steyn and compare notes with him. They are likely to agree to effer to quit fighting upon the granting of some kind of limited independence and complete amnesty for the rebels.

> The British will probably refuse to accede to there demands, but the Boer offer has meanwhile given their friends in England and abroad something to hammer the British Govern-

> This is possibly wrong, but former President Kruger and his advisers were never more determined not to surrender.

"To our thinking neither Delarey nor taken in the direction of peace. DeWet, whatever Botha may do, will be There is, however, an unmistakable im-"The truth is the military situation has bound by any terms that Schalksberger pression in official circles that the negoti reached something like a deadlock. Our and his colleagues can possibly obtain ations may have a satisfactory termina from the British Government.

The "St. James Gazette" says today:

visit and conference on peace terms, of subject reached the War Office yesterday, ish lines.

Acting President of the Transvaal and was forwarded immediately to Mr. Schalksberger wished to see ex-Presi who was visiting Eastbourne for the with reference to a pessibility of peace

gubject.

"It is significant that he did not consider it necessary to alter his plans, and acceded to the request with the Governthat he remained at Eastbourne until this ment's consent.

"On his arrival here he did not pro-ceed to the War Office, but went first to resident officer: The arrival of Schalksberger and others his home, going thence to the War Office

is a question what terms they are likely to have the highest authority for stating to propose or accept and what authority that Mr. Schalksberger, acting president of War Office was absolutely without inthey have to impose submission on them | the Transvaal and commandants Lucas | formation on the subject, he stated that It asks: "Does the declaration of June lines in accordance with an arrangement suswer

ability is there that Botha, DeWet, and | berger and his party is to confer

Mr. Steyn and Christian De Wet tot lead to peace. Is not auspicious for such a change of safe conduct of the Transvaal party to the "Evening Star" today expresses mind. After the recent considerable success of Delarey's, it is hardly likely that Colony, has had an interview with Mr. Schalksberger, but no important step was

In the House of Comm "We are in a position to state that the Hon. William St. John Brodrick, Secretar "On the other hand, the Boers retain War Office has received official confirma- for War replying to a question by the berger intimated to Lord Kitchener a de "Another telegram dealing with the sire for a safe conduct through the Brit

> Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, dent Steyn of the Orange River Colony Lord Kitchener, Brodrick announced, Of the Dead Three Are Still in Debri

news that Boer leaders have made over-

Meyer and Krogh came into the British the reply given above must be his only

only morning newspaper which comments | JAMES THOMAS, It is understood that although the visit on the latest South African developments. ty by Great Britain will prevent the con-"Assuming that it does not, what prob- The present main object of Mr. Schalke- clusion of peace

ALL WRECK VICTIMS SURPRISES ARE COMING

The Non-Arrival of Manager Loftus Keeps Them Guessing. Two Postal Clerks Ready to

office Inspectors to Investigate Registered Mail Losses.

ball circles this morning that surprises
of a startling character might be expected within the next few days. It was intiHotel Barton, on Fifteenth Street, where mated that a further clash between the accommodations have already been entwo major leagues might be expected unless there was an understanding between the rivals within the next day or so. Furton red at daybreak Sunday morning twelve the rivals within the next day or so. Fur- George Carey, the only other member miles south of Charlottesville, and who thermore the continued absence of Man- of the club who has as yet arrived. All are now confined in the Emergency Hosager Tom Loftus, the new director of the of the players are under orders to respect to the senaterial nine, and the presence here port here on the first day of April, and it of former Manager Manning has led to is believed that some of them will be ception of Head Postal Clerk Rebinson

the story gaining corrency that after all coming in now every day. Work has already begun in preparing Manning might return here to occupy his the grounds, and there are likely to be several changes in the seating arrange-According to the positive statement of ments. The ground back of the left held lacerations about the body. Besides the Mr. Manning to some of his most intimate | tence is being filled in, with the intention | patient is suffering from a severe shock friends this surmise is entirely without of setting the fence back and providing additional seating capacity in the 25-cent He is now more satisfactorily engaged seats. The seats on the right field side and would not come here if asked to do will probably be covered over and the Stikelweather, Daniel P. Wine, Thomas ness interests in the West and there be- It is understood that there will be a ing no business of an urgent nature call- meeting of the magnates of the National jured men are suffering greatly from the

ing for his presence here, there was no League sometime this week, when the shock. occasion for him to arrive. The only in- schedule prepared by Nick Young will formation as to the time of his arrival be adopted and arrangements for the comthat has reached the local enthusiasts is ing season perfected. Little doubt is now from a severe laceration of the scalp, and the despatch to The Times stating that he entertained that "Uncle Nick" will be rewould leave Chicago today or tomorrow tained in his old position. TREASURY CLERK ENDS

LIFE WITH STRYCHNINE The ante rooms in the hospital were IN COLEMAN TRIAL Mr. Arnold Found Dead at His Home in crowded all morning with friends and rel atives of the injured men. Among those who called were a number of postoffice of Jesse H. Arnold, fifty-five years of age, ficials, who were anxious to ascertain the

stychnine this morning at his home, 720. The most serious feature of the wreck, Twenty-second Street northwest, and outside of the loss of life, was the de-stroying by fire of more than seventy-five Mr. Arnold had been a resident of this been collected from points as far west tons of registered mail matter, which had for the murder of Perry Officer, also col- city for some time, having come here as California, Texas, and elsewhere, in ored, which was begun on Thursday last from Ohio. He had complained of feeling cluding New Orleans. It is likely that before Justice Anderson, in Criminal ill for some time, and when he failed to the Postoffice Department will despatch

Upon entering her husband's room she BUFFALO TELLER SENTENCED. a brief statement of the circumstances found him rapidly losing consciousness. A doctor was summoned, but his efforts were

> SARGENT WILL ACCEPT. To Become Commissioner General of Im-

This City This Morning.

within an hour was dead.

unavailing.

blows, one on the arm and the other on the head. The last blow fractured Officer's skull and he died soon after.

The defendant is represented by Attorneys Thomas L. Jones and W. Calvin hood of Locomotive Firemen, will accept migration. President Roosevelt has learned that Frank P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherfores made a statement of his the position of Commissioner General of and his sentence is the first imposed as a result of the investigation relative to al-Officer in self defence. It is expected the content of the investigation relative to al-

IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Leave Hospital.

There was a persistent rumor in base-, for this city, which would bring him here Others Able to See Their Friends-Post-

The eight postal clerks who were vie-S. Walters, of 701 C Street southwest.

Robinson's injuries it was stated by the surgeons at the hospital, consist of two broken ribs and numerous painful His condition is still regarded as serious The condition of Clerks C. R. Cover. R. N. Jefferson, Homer N. Link, J. Fred Brook, and E. L. Larrick is reported as being favorable. The most of the in-

It was announced that Ernest L. Lovins of 111 C Street northwest, who is suffering John L. Shindel, of 915 I Street northwest, who has a contusion of the right shoulder together with a number of severe lacerations about the body, would both be allowed to depart for their homes this

Case of Colored Man, Accused a clerk in the Treasury Department, took exact condition of the clerks.

before Justice Anderson, in Criminal ill for some time, and when he failed to Court No. 1, was resumed this morning.

appear for breakfast this morning his to recover whatever portion of the mail eused was chosen on Friday, but was not wife went upstairs to see what the trouble was left.

Baker Gets Nearly Two Years for Steal-

ing City Funds. BUFFALO, N. Y., March 24.-Henry J

Baker, former teller in the city treasu er's office, who pleaded guilty to stealing \$5,260 from the city, was sentenced to Auburn prison for one year and ten months this morning by Justice Kenefick in criminal term of the supreme

Parker took the money in November, officer in self defence. It is expected the officer in a rew ways. In all product of salary accused the officer in self defence. It is expected in a rew ways. In all product officer in the constant of Philip Gerst, who also is under indictment for grand ing medicine under various aliases.

OF AMERICAN FARMERS

"The bill fails to divide the \$5,000,000

for trade already ours, robbing the Pa-

President Roosevelt discussed the mat

Mr. Hanley Presents a Communication Opposing the Ship Subsidy Bill and the Nicaragua Canal.

merce to the seas.

PRESIDENT HEARS VIEWS

Mr. J. C. Hanley, president and general | built the enjoyment of the subsidy until nanager of the Allied National Agricul- 1920, without any guarantee that one new tural Societies of America, called at the ship will be built or added to our mer-White House today by appointment and chant marine, and thus endanger the exdiscussed with President Rossevelt the pending of \$160,000,060 within the next questions of ship subsidy and the Nic- twenty years, without restoring our com-

Mr. Hanley, as the official representative of the Societies, presented carefully pre- per annum between the Atlantic and Papared views on both subjects to the at- cific in proportion to the trade, and unde tention of the President. These views on present conditions nearly the entire the subsidizing of American ships were amount will be absorbed by the Atlantic

"We must build American ships to se- cific of its opportunity to develop and cure the foreign trade and hold it. Un- secure the trade of the Orient." der the present conditions, it will be ab- The document contained several other olutely impossible to secure this trade, arguments of a similar nature, when 92 per cent of our commerce is done A great many arguments were also sum in foreign ships. And we pay these for- moned against the construction of the eigners \$200,000,000 per year to deliver our Nicaragua Canal, the farmers claiming We can easily figure out where that it would prove detrimental to their we will land in this trouble, when we are interests.

ship subsidy bill has passed the ter in an informal manner with Mr. Han-Senate which promises to restore our nerchant marine, but which the farmers of the country believe will fail in its purpose for the igilowing reasons: The bill does not compel each ship receive American registry, entitling to compensation.

that he would have to make enquiries into the canal matter, as the views presented to compensation.

The bill will give the ships already been brought to his attention.

Near Youngstown.

Bodies-Confusion of Orders Respo

Carl Bishop, brakeman; George Weather,

Of the killed, three bodies, those of

ngineer; Frank Brown, engineer.

ble for the Accident.

der, body in the wreck.

Unknown brakeman.

able to rescue his body.

Lawrence Junction

till they struck.

cars loaded with coke.

The debris was plied upon all the tracks

effectively blocking the road. Engineer

Weather had a remarkable escape from

When the collision occurred he shot out

He lit twenty-five feet away and es-

Death of Young Woman.

Came to His New York Office and

Has Not Been Seen Since.

NEW YORK, March 24 .- Dr. F. Gray

in whose home Miss Mary C. Norris, of

New Preston, Conn., died under suspicious

circumstances on Saturday, is still miss-

The autopsy performed upon the body

showed that her death had been caused

When the parents of Miss Norris vis-

ted the handsome private residence

where Dr. Blinn lived, they found their

daughter lying dead on the floor. She

Though Dr. Blinn quietly left the house

while Mr. and Mrs. Norris mere there,

he failed to take with him a blank death

he refused to fill out at Dr. Blinn's re-

with the police and the district attorney's

had been dead at least seven hours.

find any trace of him.

TRACE OF DR. BLINN

through the window like a cannon ball.

POLICE CAN FIND NO

In the wreck

FOUR MEN XILLED

IN WRECK IN OHO

Freight Trains Collide in Fog Funeral Services at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

DISASTER BLOCKS THE ROAD INTERMENT MASS AT DAK HILL

Rescuers Being Unable to Extricate the Distinguished Jurists, and Act as Hon-Other Professional lowing Tribute by the Rev. Dr. J. A. A.

YOUNGSTOWN, Obio, March 24.-Two Pennsylvania freight tains collided while The remains of Lat Washington physigoing at full speed, 1/2st here at 7-10 Johnston, the eminert failure early Saturo'clock this morning, ad four men were killed and three injured. The dead are: day morning at Atlacetery this afternoon. NORMAN GRAHAM freman, body still rest in Oak Hill Com were held in St.

Funeral services Church, Eighteenth
Thomas Episcopal at 3 o'clock. The
Rev. I. A. Aspliffed rector of the church.

Rev. I. A. Aspliffed rector of the church. CHARLES M. BLACKBURN, target ten-

The honorary pallbearers were Chief Justice Feller, Dr. A. F. King, Dr. H. D. Fry. Dr. J. Ford Thompson, Hon. Bancroft believes that the proposed rates would Davis, Mr. William A. Maury, Mr. A. P. double the cost to this class of patrons, the act to promote anatomical science and Blackburn, Graham and Thomas are still Gordon-Cummin, Hon. Francis G. Newin the ruins. They are buried under a lands, Gen. George M. Sternberg, Dr. Wm. tive for speedy travel. The committee the District of Columbia. It creates a ass or rubbish. It will take several Osler, Mr. C. C. Glover, Mr. J. Hovely does think that the occasion demands this board for the control of dead human

sticking out of the rubbish, but are un- Walter Cox. Both firemen are buried under a mass of debris and their bodies are ground to he was able to go to Atlantic City the early part of last week. He was suddenly The unknown brakeman is horribly taken very ill again on Thursday night mangled and no one has been able to iden- with angina pectoris, a disease of the heart, and his son, Dr. William B. John-Both engineers claimed that they re- ston, of Johns Hopkins' University, was eived orders for the single track. Train sent for. Dr. Johnston's wife and daugh-274 eastbound, received the white block ter, Mrs. Rensslear, were with him at Atat Mosier, and No. 273 received orders at lantic City.

On Friday Dr. Johnston sank rapidly It was an exceptionally foggy morning, and his death occurred shortly after 2 and neither engineer saw the other train o'clock Saturday morning.

Then twenty-five steel cars loaded with PARK AVENUE WANTS ore crashed into a long line of wooden SUBWAY EXAMINED

Recent Shakedown Moves Residents to Action.

Will Try to Learn Exactly What Is Liable to Happen Along the Street Next.

NEW YORK, March 24.-Some of the esidents in Park Avenue today decided baggage shall not be charged for. Ve Wanted in Connection With to take measures to prevent further damage to property and possible loss of life as a result of the rapid transit work. Frederick W. Devoe, whose residence at 59 Park Avenue was wrecked by the Disappeared When Parents of Dead Girl cave-in last Friday, has issu | a call for at the Hotel Manhattan.

It is said that an attempt will be made to have the rapid transit comm the work on the tunnel along Park Ave nue so that engineers may inspect the ex-Binn, of 163 West Forty-seventh Street, cavation and pass upon its actual condi-

According to present plans, a petitio will be forwarded to Mayor Low, urging ing, and the police have been unable to him to take some action in the matter. If it develops that the mayor is unable to aid the Park Avenue residents they def the young woman by the physician of clare that they will take the matter to oroner Goldenkrans, at the morgue, the courts.

> DR. TALMAGE IMPROVED. Reports of Critical Nature of His Illnes Denied.

The family of Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage deny the report that the doctor is dangerously ill, and that his recovery is despaired of.

ertificate, which another physician says Dr. Talmage contracted a severe cold while in Mexico and decided to return Dr. Blinn has been in similar difficulties to Washington. The trip was a long and tiresome one, the result being that the

loctor was forced to take to his bed. He was charged in 1893 with being His condition today is greatly improved concerned in the death of Miss Alice and his son made the statement that at Whitney, and at one time the County Medical Society accused him of practicno time has his father's illness been

FOUR DISTRICT BILLS GO THROUGH HOUSE

No Delay for Local Measures.

The House this afternoon

passed, after brief explanations of their purport, four important District bills. One extended the time in which the East Washington Heights Railway line must be completed, another affected what is known as the Dix quitelaim; still another advanced the salary of the jail warden, while the fourth provided for the delivery to an anatomical board of the bodies of indigent dead in the District.

Local Measures Passed Without Serious Opposition.

MORE TIME FOR RAILWAY COMPANY

East Washington Heights Line Allowed Another Year.

SALARY OF THE JAIL WARDEN

It Is Advanced in Order to Correct a Clerical Error in the Code-Bodies of the Indigent Dead to Be Delivered to

OPPOSED TO HIGHER PRICES FOR HAC

Special Committee on Regulations Against Increase.

COMPROMISE OF INSPECTOR

He Offers a Schedule Which Provides a Rate of From Ten Cents Upward According to the Length of the Ride and the Number of Passengers.

The special committee appointed by the District Commissioners to revise the ack regulations, consisting of Messrs. Francis Nye and Daniel Curry, today submitted their report, in which the members take issue with the suggestions offered by the Hack Inspector, and Mr. W. E. Thomas, a representative of the Hackmen's Association.

The committee say that they have carefully considered the proposed schedule of rates and that in their opinion the adoption of the same is not advisable at code, fixing the salary of the warden of clan who died of her tie City, were laid to posed schedule abolishes the 25-cent rate Mudd said that in enacting the code, altogether, the minimum rate suggested through a clerical error, the salary of the Rev. J. A. Aspiretti, rector of the church, officiated. His remarks formed a tribute and four-case are Congressmen, public officials, present bill simply gives to the warden and journalists.

Some Objections Stated.

They travel singly, on short trips and passed without obje generally in a hurry, and the committee

Dr. Johnston was taken ill two weeks The committee offers two or three dental surgery or both. The bill also ents to the regulations which in

One-Horse Vehicles.

ger and used immediately: One passen- trict for not more than one year. ger, fifteen squares or less, 25 cents; Under all other circumstances, without division. harges shall be made as follows: One or wo passengers, half hour or less, 59 ents; three or four passengers, half quarter hour or less, one or more pas-

Two-Horse Vehicles.

r less, 50 cents; each additional passen each additional twenty minutes or less, one or more passengers, 50 cents; after first hour, one or more passengers, each Students Fired College, Thrashed Prinhalf hour or part thereof, 50 cents. Delay aused by driver shall not be charged for Time consumed in loading and unloading hicles shall maintain a speed not les than six miles an hour, except where the grade necessitates a slower rate. Drivers shall call attention of passengers to time

PERMISSION TO REPAIR. Private Water Main May Be Connected

Before Street Is Graded.

Mr. H. W. Coffin, recently reque ermission of the District Commissioners repair a private water main supplying four houses on Fifteenth Street northwest, between Erle and Huron Streets. It appears that the pipe froze and burst, and that the street is not yet graded and Mr. Coffin asks for permission to repair the pipe agreeing to connect with the public main when the street is improved Capt. Chester Harding, Asistant to the Engineer Commissioner, in reporting upon the matter recommends that the applica tion be granted on the condition that the ction with the public main be made within thirty days after the granting of the permit. He calls attention to the fact that the street in front of his premises is now somewhat below grade and the cost of the connection will be less than after the street is graded.

Fatally Shot by Highwaymen.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., March 24.—Charles hnson, a railroad man, was fatally injured by three Italian highwaymen. He was going home from work, when they met him and demanded money. He fled and several shots were fired, three taking effect. He crawled into the bushes and was discovered yesterday evening. The highwaymen have not been arrested. of the District Committee, assumed charge of the District affairs, and first called up the bill to extend the time for the costruction of the East Washington Heights Traction Railroad Company. The measure was introduced by Mr. Mudd and favor-

ably reported by the committee. An Extension of Time.

It extends the term for the construction of the road for twelve months from June 18, 1902. Mr. Mudd explained the measure briefly and it was passed without object

Mr. Mudd next called up the bill to quitclaim all interest of the United States in and to lot 4, square 1113, in the city of Washington to William H. Dix. Mr. Cowherd, at the request of Mr. Hepburn, briefly recited the purpose of the measure. He said the necessity for it arose out of the confusion of bills in the early days of the District, and it leaves to the Secretary of the Interior the authority to fix the valuation of the

Warden of the District Jail.

In Committee of the Whole the House the salary which he received at the time the code went into effect. The bill was

As to Bodies of Indigent Dead.

The last bill considered and passed was besides remove from the driver all incen- to prevent the desecration of graves in nours to get them out. The searchers are Ashton, Hon. R. R. Hitt, Governor John radical change, and is of the opinion that bodies and for their distribution among it would bring forth many vigorous proties schools in the District offering the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of its opinion are desirable, and expresses District of Columbia, sell or buy any body its approval of the proposed plan of re-turning to the card to be posted con-with, or transmit or convey any such spicuously in the cab instead of the body to any place outside of said District, or cause or procure any such body to be The following is the schedule of rates so transmitted or conveyed, or who shall, proposed by the Inspector of Hacks, as a in said District, disturb or remove, withompromise between the first schedule out legal permit, any body from any grave or wault, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$200 or im-When engaged on the street by passen- prisoned in the workhouse of said Dis-

Mr. Cowherd made a brief statement five squres additional or part thereof, 10 concerning the bill and it was passed

TROOPS AND STUDENTS CLASH IN POLAND

One or two passengers, twenty minutes Thirteen People Wounded in Riot at Plock.

> cipal and Professors, and Shouted, "Down With the Czar!"

VIENNA, March 24 .- A violent anti-Government demonstration by students of the Academy of Science occurred at Plock, Poland, today.

thrashed the principal and professors. and stoned the municipal buildings. They were urged on by some of their umber who loudly denounced the Czar

and absolutism. When troops arrived the students erected barricades, and resisted the soliers from behind these.

The students were finally dispersed. Thirteen persons were wounded and a umber of arrests made.

ACTION LIKELY TODAY.

United Mine Workers' Association Reassembles at Shamokin.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 24.-The United dine Workers reassembled in convention his morning to act on a resolution prepared by a special committee headed by President Mitchell to present to the op-

The contents of the resolution have not een determined.

As the opera house has only been en-raged for today, it is likely the conven-ion will end early this afternoon.

Dr. English Improving.

NEWARK, N. J., March 24.-Dr. Thomas Dunn English, the poet, continues to show marked improvement in his con-dition. His physicians are amazed at his vitality and now hope for his recovery. Yesterday Dr. English was able to sit for the first time since his illness began.